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Office Action Summary

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KAMIBAYASHI ET AL.

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 11/170187.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5,6 . 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ueda et al.

Regarding Claim 1, Ueda et al teach a mutual authentication method for use between a recording apparatus which records copied contents on a recording medium having an arithmetic processing function, and the recording medium, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in the recording medium at least first information which depends on the recording medium, and second information which is to be shared by the recording apparatus in executing mutual authentication with the recording apparatus and depends on the recording medium; and

generating by the recording apparatus authentication information used in mutual authentication with the recording medium on the basis of the first information obtained from the recording medium, and executing mutual authentication between the recording

apparatus and the recording medium using the generated authentication information and the second information (col.2 line 61 thru col.3 line 5; col.3 line 45 thru col.5 line 64).

Regarding Claim 2, Ueda et al teach the method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: generating the authentication information by encrypting the first information using an encryption key obtained from the recording medium (col.4 lines 3-4; col.4 lines 43-51).

Regarding Claim 3, Ueda et al teach a mutual authentication method for use between a reproducing apparatus which reproduces copied contents recorded on a recording medium having an arithmetic processing function, and the recording medium, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in the recording medium at least first information which depends on the recording medium, and second information which is to be shared by the reproducing apparatus in executing mutual authentication with the reproducing apparatus and depends on the recording medium; and

generating by the reproducing apparatus authentication information used in mutual authentication with the recording medium on the basis of the first information obtained from the recording medium, and executing mutual authentication between the reproducing apparatus and the recording medium using the generated authentication

information and the second information (col.2 line 61 thru col.3 line 5; col.3 line 45 thru col.5 line 64).

Regarding Claim 4, Ueda et al teach the method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

generating the authentication information by encrypting the first information using an encryption key obtained from the recording medium (col.4 lines 3-4; col.4 lines 43-51).

Regarding Claim 5, Ueda et al teach a recording apparatus for recording copied contents on a recording medium while limiting the number of copied contents to be recorded on the recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

generation means for generating authentication information, which is used in mutual authentication with the recording medium and is to be shared by the recording medium, on the basis of first information which is obtained from the recording medium and depends on the recording medium; and

mutual authentication means for executing mutual authentication with the recording medium using the authentication information generated by said generation means (col.2 line 61 thru col.3 line 5; col.3 line 45 thru col.5 line 64; col.18 lines 10-32; col.21 lines 25-29).

Regarding Claim 6, Ueda et al teach an apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said generation means generates the authentication information by encrypting the first information using an encryption key obtained from the recording medium (col.4 lines 3-4; col.4 lines 43-51).

Regarding Claim 7, Ueda et al teach a reproducing apparatus for reproducing copied contents recorded on a recording medium while limiting the number of copied contents to be recorded on the recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

generation means for generating authentication information, which is used in mutual authentication with the recording medium and is to be shared by the recording medium, on the basis of first information which is obtained from the recording medium and depends on the recording medium; and

mutual authentication means for executing mutual authentication with the recording medium using the authentication information generated by said generation means (col.2 line 61 thru col.3 line 5; col.3 line 45 thru col.5 line 64; col.18 lines 10-32; col.21 lines 25-29).

Regarding Claim 8, Ueda et al teach an apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said generation means generates the authentication information by encrypting the first information using an encryption key obtained from the recording medium (col.4 lines 3-4; col.4 lines 43-51).

Regarding Claim 9, Ueda et al teach A recording medium having an arithmetic processing function, comprising:

storage means for pre-storing first information which is unique to said recording medium, and second information which is to be shared by a recording apparatus for recording copied contents on said recording medium and a reproducing apparatus for reproducing the copied contents in executing mutual authentication among the recording medium, the recording apparatus, and the reproducing apparatus, and depends on said recording medium; and

mutual authentication means for executing mutual authentication between the recording medium and the recording apparatus, and between the recording medium and the reproducing apparatus using authentication information generated based on the first information by the recording apparatus and the reproducing apparatus, and the second information (col.4 lines 3-4; col.4 lines 43-51).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tremayne M. Norris whose telephone number is (703) 305-8045. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30AM-5:00PM alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on (703) 305-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

Tremayne Norris

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Morse', is positioned above the printed name.

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